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# TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

# Testimonial Resolution

## Patterson Dog and Cat Hospital One Hundred Seventy-Five Year Anniversary

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**WHEREAS:**

In 2019, Patterson Dog and Cat Hospital celebrates 175 years of service. The hospital, located at 3800 Grand River in the Woodbridge Community of Detroit, Michigan, is the oldest continuously-operated small business in Detroit and the oldest veterinary hospital in the country. The hospital was established in 1844 at 19 Griswold Street by James Patterson, an English immigrant. The practice served the city's draft horses and farm animals; *and*

**WHEREAS:**

In 1909, James son, Elijah Patterson, took over the practice and moved it to an interim location before settling at the current Grand River location. The first floor could house 25 horses. Some patients arrived in a horse ambulance, now on display at The Henry Ford Museum's Greenfield Village; *and*

**WHEREAS:**

The Patterson family practice was an integral part of the city's transportation history. When Detroiters transitioned from horses to cars, the practice gradually began seeing more pets. Elijah's son, James, took over the practice in 1926 and converted it into a small animal hospital with cat and dog kennels, labs and operating rooms. Patterson's history tells much of the city's story, from small-town farming and shipping community, through its rise as a world-class city, including its toughest years. Patterson Dog and Cat Hospital is registered as part of the National Historic District of Woodbridge; *and*

**WHEREAS:**

In 1966, it was purchased by Eugene Miller, who modernized and maintained the operation until 1985, when the clinic's current owner, Dr. Glynnes Graham purchased the hospital. Dr. Graham was no stranger to the practice having worked there since she was 15. Dr. Graham reports in recent years the hospital has seen an increase in visits in response to Detroit's resurgence. The surge in new visitors has lead the practice to expand hours and hire a second full-time veterinarian; *and*

**WHEREAS:**

A historic marker for Detroit's oldest business, Patterson Dog and Cat Hospital, will be dedicated during a block party on **July 20, 2019** celebrating 175 years worth of the highest quality, compassion-driven veterinary care for dogs and cats. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:**

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council celebrates with the Patterson Dog and Cat Hospital and staff on 175 years of commitment to the City of Detroit. Thank you for providing the very best care for the dogs and cats of Detroit.

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